

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES Division of Oil, Gas & Mining

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Inspection Report Minerals Regulatory Program

Report Date: April 7, 2005

Withe Name: Happy Jack		Permit number: MI/03//024		
Operator or Permittee Name:	Inspe	ction Date: Ma	arch 10, 2005	
Kyle Isenhart				
Permittee Mailing Address:				
Hwy. 95, Box 330120, Lake Powell, UT 84533-0	120			
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Inspector(s): Paul Baker		Inspection Start Time: Abt. 1:20 PM		
		ction End Time		
Other Participants: Ted McDougall (Monticello	_	ocation/Area In		
BLM), Kyle Isenhart (operator), David Perkins	Entire		spected (net	
Permit Status: Reclaimed		ce Ownership:	Fee	
Current Acreages: :		ral Ownership:		
Total Permitted (Bonded): 9		r al Mined: Ura		
Total Disturbed: 9				
Total Disturbed: 9	Туре	of Mine: Under	rground	
Elements of Inspection	Evaluated	N/A	Comment	Enforcement
1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds	Natuated			
2. Public Safety (open shafts, adits, trash,		ш		
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signs, highwalls)				
3. Protection of Drainages	\vdash		H	H
4. Explosives, magazines	\vdash	H	H	
5. Deleterious Material				
6. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control,				
safety)				
7. Concurrent Reclamation	\vdash		H	
8. Erosion Control		닏		
9. Demolition				
10. Backfilling and Grading (trenches, pits,				and the same
roads, highwalls, shafts, drill holes)				
11. Water Impoundments	\sqcup			
12. Soils				
13. Revegetation	\boxtimes			
14. Air Quality				
15. Facilities	\boxtimes		\boxtimes	
16. Other				
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Purpose of Inspection:

The operator has verbally requested that the site be released.

Inspection Summary:

1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bond

The Division currently holds a bond of \$2000 in the form of a certificate of deposit. The bond is for seeding the entire 9-acre area.

2. Public Safety (open shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)

There are four open portals, three of which are gated (Photos 1 and 2 show one of the gated portals). There is also one shallow dog hole (Photo 2). One of the gated portals is not being used because of unstable roof conditions. The ungated portal is partially caved and silted in, and a large rock has now fallen in front of the portal making it inaccessible. Two gated portals are connected through underground workings which have natural ventilation. This underground area is used to store inventory (Photos 3 and 4). Most of the storage areas are within about 100 feet of the portal openings, and Mr. Isenhart said none of the open workings goes back more than about 100 yards.

Mr. Isenhart said he periodically checks radiation and radon levels in the mine, and he mentioned that radon levels are around "4." I assume this means pico Curies/liter. Four piC/l in a home is the concentration at which the EPA recommends that a homeowner takes action to decrease the amount of radon.

I do not consider the open underground workings to be a particular danger to the public because they are not extensive, they are part of an active business, and because they have gates that can be closed when the areas are not in use.

13. Revegetation

Before the permit was transferred to Mr. Isenhart, the Division had agreed that reclamation was complete except for revegetation. At the time, the portals had been sealed and backfilled, and there was no plan to use the site for a commercial operation. A red sandy topsoil was spread over part of the pad (center of Photo 5), and this was seeded. This area contains a moderate amount of vegetation, but I did not measure cover.

15. Facilities

The remaining facilities include shop and warehouse/office buildings; a well, pumps, and associated fuel and water tanks; the portals and workings as discussed above; the access road; and the pad. All of these are being used to facilitate the Isenharts' business.

Conclusions/Recommendations:

This is clearly not a mining operation but, instead, an old mine being used legitimately as a business.

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When the mine permit was transferred to Kyle Isenhart, he requested a postmining land use change. The only documentation of any approval of this change is a hand written note to the file from Holland Shepherd. This note says:

The new owner proposes to develop portions of the site for non-mining purposes . . . After speaking with Lowell Braxton and Wayne Hedberg, we agreed that the proposed development could be designated non-mining (as defined in our rules). These areas would be removed from reclamation obligation during the permit transfer.

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Although this is a less-than-formal approval, I know of no reason the Division cannot conclude that reclamation has been completed and release the reclamation bond. I will prepare bond release findings which will need to be reviewed and probably approved by the Division Director before the bond can be released.

Inspector's Signature RUB RQ

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Enclosures: Photo Attachment cc: Kyle Isenhart, Operator

Ted McDougall, Monticello BLM

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ATTACHMENT

Photographs

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Photo 1. One of the gated portals that leads into the storage area.



Photo 2. Near the center of this picture is a dog hole (not a portal).



Photo 3. Some of the underground storage area.



Photo 4.

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Photo 5. An overview of part of the pad. The office/warehouse building is on the right, and the other building is a shop. The caved, gated portal is in the bank just to the left of the center. The red soil is the topsoil that was spread and seeded.